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1. During the past year Soviet personnel in Ottawa, Canada, have been a little more friendly. However, there has been no noticeable change in the attitude of Soviet and Satellite representatives with regard to non-official and quasi-official contacts with United States personnel. Soviets in Ottawa entertain infrequently with their usual parties and showings of movies, which are not particularly well attended. Canadian and U.S. Government officials attend only when they have been so directed by the Chief of their department. Following the showing of a movie, the customary sumptuous banquet table and drinks are available, and the Soviet Embassy personnel mix freely and make every effort to be genial hosts.

2. The present senior "Acting" Military Attache at the Soviet Embassy, Colonel Gheorgui GOLOVECHKINE, who assumed his duties on 29 February 1952, is always friendly, speaks English fairly well, and tries to be pleasant and agreeable. His assistants attempt to get around at parties, but it appears that the language barrier provides a difficulty which they cannot overcome, although all are studying English under a tutor. The wives of Soviet Attaches accompany them to parties but none speak English to any extent.

3. A 25-mile restriction is imposed on Soviet personnel on duty in Ottawa. Travel within and without this limit is said to be a fantastic performance insofar as their attempts to elude observers is concerned. They will stand on a street corner, let three or four streetcars pass, then for no apparent reason get on one, ride a few blocks, get off, and take one going in the opposite direction. In visiting stores, they will ride up one escalator and down another, or walk in one door and straight through the building and out another door. Wives of Soviet officials are said to perform in like manner whenever they go out.

4. No one person at the Soviet Embassy seems to be directing the activities of their personnel. Canadian sources are divided in their opinion as to who is actually the top man at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa. One opinion is that Mr. Vladimir P. BOURDINE, First Secretary, is the top man; while another is that Mr. Leonid D. ABRAMOV, Second Secretary, is the most important person.

5. Soviet couriers are not restricted to the 25-mile limit, and enter and leave Canada quite freely. One source noted that some time ago a courier arriving was met by the Charge d'Affaires of the Soviet Embassy and received VIP treatment; however, he could not be identified nor could the date of his arrival be ascertained.

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